Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 7. Last week I wrote about being kind, so I thought that this week I’d move onto our next school rule ‘Be Fair.’ What does it mean to be fair? We are supposed to live in the land of ‘a fair go for all.’ Our National Song is Advance Australia Fair. It is obvious that at some stage in our history as a nation that the concept of fairness had appeal to the Australian population.

Often our children respond to missing out on something by saying, ‘That’s not fair’. Does a fair go mean that everyone has the same entitlement to everything?

I arrived in Australia as an eleven year old in 1968. My parents were ten pound Poms. I always told them it was the best twenty pounds that they ever spent. I, together with my sisters travelled for free. We came on an ocean liner, which was a luxury beyond anything that my family had ever experienced, and when we arrived we had fifty pounds, which was about two weeks pay. We were made welcome except for a bit of teasing about being Poms, and we lived in a migrant hostel for nearly two years before we moved into a housing commission home.

I was part of the lucky generation that received a free tertiary education, and with my three siblings, one being an Aussie, we all went on to have good careers in ‘the lucky country’.

I believe that we still are a lucky country, a land of opportunity. It is my hope that when we sing Advance Australia Fair that we really focus on the words of both verses and try to make that our reality.

We try to build our school on fairness. We don’t always do a perfect job, but we still hold the value as being of primary importance. I hope that we can continue to work together to create a fair school, a fair community and a fair nation. It won’t just happen. We have to make it happen.

My thought for the week is from Ralph Waldo Emerson, ‘This time, like all times, is a very good one, if we but know what to do with it’.

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,
Andrew Best

CANCELE HELPERS
Week Beginning 16th June

Mon: am Joanne, Lisa pm Joanne
Tue: am Kylie, pm Kylie
Wed: am Jo, pm Alyssa
Thu: am Ross, Sally pm
Fri: am pm

Library Help

If you have any spare time to cover books we would appreciate your help. Please see the library on Tuesday or Wednesday.

BOOK CLUB ISSUE 4

Flyers went out last week with a range of great books to purchase. Please pick up extra ones from the Library. Orders are due to the office by Monday 16th June. Please check your order form and place the correct money in an envelope. If paying by cheque make it out to Scholastic Australia. When paying by credit card please ring 1800 557 908 and place your 11 digit receipt number on the order form. We hope to have the orders returned before the holidays.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations from everyone at Harrington Park PS to Warrant Officer Gary Paul Fuss, NSW. For meritorious service in the field of Navy culture transformation and for exceptional leadership as ship’s Warrant Officer in ANZAC Class ships.

YEAR 2 SYDNEY SEALIFE AQUARIUM & IMAX THEATRE

A reminder that all payments & medical notes are due to the office by 9am, Tuesday 17th June.
No late payments will be accepted.
Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at their stage assemblies for their recent efforts.

KA Ayla B  Working hard to learn sounds and sight words  1G Georgia C  Great ‘senses’ homework
1J Isaac R  Fantastic work in computers

KA Blake L  Great ‘sounding out’ when reading  1J Roxy H  Excellent effort in reading

KA Zachary C  Excellent addition during TEN time  1S Ryan T  Presenting a great poem with actions and expression

KL Tayla S  Excellent effort when writing  1S Kirra B  Presenting a poem with actions

KL Sarah L  Trying hard during literacy groups  2C Jonas Y  Excellent work during maths lessons on multiplication

KL Jake M  Always being a hard worker. Well done!  2C Logan F  Excellent work during TEN time

KL Emily S  For putting numbers in her head and counting on when adding  2S Cruz L  Great effort during TEN time

KT Kay-Lee F  Trying hard to use sounds when writing  2K Jesse S  Working hard during reading groups to improve his comprehension activities

KT Zachary M  His enthusiastic answers when discussing the farm  KL Sarah L  Trying hard during literacy groups

KV Haze S  Great work during TEN lessons  2MC Maurice W  His hard work in mathematics

KV Aiden A  Lovely listening when sitting on the floor  2MC Lily S  Excellent work in class

KV Mosawer H  Always being a good listener  2S Aaron H  For excellent work in literacy and spelling activities

1/KM Joshua K  Working really hard to complete his maths work  2S Jackson D  His fantastic information report on a shark. Well done!

1/KM Cameron W  Putting her hand up to answer lots of questions  2T William T  Outstanding work in reading groups

1/KM Katarina M  Working successfully in reading groups  2T Zaid H  Trying hard in mathematics

1/KM Caiden S  Being a terrific helper in class  5D Georgia F  Working hard to improve her timetables

1E Katie B  Always trying hard and being kind  5D Gabrielle D  Always working to the best of her ability

1E Ashton A  Great effort during writing tasks

1G Jett T  Trying to improve handwriting

Harrington Park Scores Historic Wins

Harrington Park PS scored their first ever State Knockout basketball wins this Tuesday. This is our third year in the basketball knockout and we scored two magnificent wins.

The girls scored a hard fought 30-22 win over a very tall Ingleburn PS team. Playing with just six girls, Harrington Park out hustled their opponents and displayed some tremendous passing and general teamwork. Briannan E lead the scoring with 14 points whilst Caitlin O, Caitlin S, Jorja U, Anna W and Montanna R were dynamic with their defensive efforts and great passing.

Likewise, the boys scored a resounding 40 to 17 win over King Park PS. The boys team were well led by Blake M who top scored with 19 points. Cody S was a power of strength on the boards. The full boys team: Mark B, Jeremy S, Blake L, Blake M, Felix M, Nicholas T, Gian R, Cody S, Aidan W, Hayden F. All ten boys made strong contributions and for their first game they displayed great teamwork.

Both teams have now qualified for the Sydney South-West Regional final. The boys will play against Ruse PS, whilst the girls will meet either King Park PS or Dalmeny PS.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

FAMILY NAME:

Please find enclosed: (please circle)

$43 - single child  /  $65 - family as my voluntary 2014 school contributions for my child/ren listed below. I request these funds be deposited into the Harrington Park PS Library Fund. Please provide me with a tax receipt.

Signed: ____________________________ (Parent / Caregiver)  Date: __________

STUDENT: ____________________________ CLASS: __________

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**Bingo Night**

The P&C is organising a fundraising Bingo night on Saturday, 21st June in the school hall. Commencing at 5pm - Kids are welcome. Bingo books will be $10 per book and other items will also be for sale. We will be having a silent auction and there will be a BBQ and softdrinks for sale. Bring a group of friends along for a social activity and help raise money for playground improvements. We have organised a coffee van for parents as well. Look forward to seeing you there.

**Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop will now be open from 9:00am on Tuesdays. We still have size 14, 16 and 18 sports polo's on sale for $10.00. We also have size 14 and 16 fleecy jumpers on sale for $15.00. We still are in need of shopping bags. If anyone can spare these, please drop them in.

**School Disco**

The P&C is organising a School Disco to be held Friday 13th June in the school hall. Entry costs $5 and includes a drink and packet of chips. K-2 will be from 5pm – 6pm. 3-6 will be from 6.15pm – 7.30pm. The canteen will be open. Glow items will be for sale at $1 each. We have organised a coffee van for parents as well. Look forward to seeing you there.

**The Bookclub team**

How 10 minutes reading a day can make a difference..... Studies show that the more minutes children read per day the more fluent their reading becomes. Take a look at the Reading Graph attached in this week’s newsletter where it shows the increase in word exposure over 1 year for a Year 5 child. Certainly something to be aware of. Encourage your child to read today!!

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**Adding 10 Minutes a Day to a Child’s Reading Makes a Big Difference Over the Year.**

A comparison of Year 5 children:

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DID YOU NOTICE? THE MORE MINUTES CHILDREN READ PER DAY, THE MORE FLUENT THEIR READING BECOMES. FROM 5 MINUTES TO 15 MINUTES PER NIGHT THERE IS AROUND A 200% INCREASE IN WORD EXPOSURE OVER ONE YEAR!

RESEARCH SHOWS US THAT THE BENEFITS OF READING MORE IMPROVE PERFORMANCE IN:

- General Knowledge
- Vocabulary
- Reading Comprehension
- Verbal Fluency
- And Spelling.

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**Scholastic**

Let’s Raise Readers!
The carnival was held at Camden Equestrian Centre on Friday 23rd May. The weather was beautiful and sunny and we had lots of parents come along to support their children on this exciting day. A big thank you to those parents who transported extra children or equipment on the day, this was very much appreciated. There were 30 students who participated on the day and Harrington Park was very competitive. Congratulations to Bianca C, Shae E, Ryley K, Cody S, Caitlin O and Ellie B. who will be attending the Regional Carnival this Thursday at Hurlstone High School. We wish them the best of luck. Their placing’s were as follows:

8/9 Year Girls
Isabella B- 12th
Kayley S- 13th
Jade C- 51st
Amanda C- 57th

8/9 Year Boys
Jack Z- 23rd
Samuel S- 35th
Brayden H- 40th
Jy M- 85th

10 Year Girls
Bianca C- 1st
Annalysse S- 19th
Caitlin S- 29th
Durshi S- 30th

10 Year Boys
Riley R- 11th
Lucas R- 17th
Kaden M- 39th

11 Year Girls
Shae E- 2nd
Tara M- 10th
Emily M- 24th

11 Year Boys
Ryley K- 7th
Liam S- 9th
Aiden W- 18th
Hayden F- 30th

12/13 Year Girls
Caitlin O- 2nd
Ellie B. T- 6th
Sara S- 15th
Paige E- 28th

12/13 Year Boys
Cody S- 2nd
Blake M- 15th
Cooper S- 20th
Blake L- 32nd
Last Thursday 56 of Harrington Park’s finest dancers performed at the 2014 NSW Public Schools Dance Festival, which was held at the State Sport Centre in Hombush.

The Senior Dance Ensemble and the Primary Dance Group gave standout performances in both the matinee and evening show. The costumes in both groups looked amazing and the dancers were wonderfully in sync with each other. There was definitely lots of shimmying, smiling and grooving going on! All performers should be very proud of their efforts during the event and in the many rehearsals leading up to it. A big thank you to all of the parents for their support of the students, especially those who assisted in making costumes and doing hair for the event. Thank you to Mrs Batty, Mrs Dalzell, Mrs Mayer and Miss Heij for taking the group on the day. Congratulations and well done to all the students who were involved.
As part of our NAIDOC Week celebrations we will have some special Aboriginal performers at our school on Monday, 23rd June (Week 9). The Beatty Clan Crew will be performing for students in Years K-4 and students in Years 5 and 6 will watch a performance by Fred Reid entitled Let's Bridge The Gap. Permission notes will be sent home soon. We would encourage all students to attend these excellent performances. Following is some information about the artists.

Please return permission note and payment of $4.00 by Friday, 20th June.

Monday, 23rd June 9:10 - 10:00 am (Years K-2) 10:10-11:00 am (Years 3-4)

The Beatty Clan Crew

Taryn Beatty has performed with the acclaimed Bangarra Dance Company, including the closing ceremony of the Atlanta Olympic Games. Her family dance group includes her two daughters who are members of the Gondwana Indigenous Children's Choir, and has performed at the UN Headquarters in New York City and the Craft & Folk Art Museum In Los Angeles.

The performance includes both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands cultures - songs and dances focusing on Australia's unique native animals and also Torres Strait playdances. Audience participation is encouraged. The performers also provide explanations of the instruments, costumes and artefacts used.

Monday, 23rd June 2 - 3pm (Years 5-6)

Bridging the Gap with Fred Reid

Fred, with the help of one or more of his children, delivers his message in a fun, positive way. His deep respect and knowledge of culture, along with his gentle, humorous rapport with students, make for a very enriching performance. Dances of Australia's unique animals are demonstrated as is the didgeridoo and its many sounds. Fred tells a dreamtime story, talks about traditional dress, shows different artefacts and explains how they were used by his people. He explains the designs and symbols of his body paint.

Indigenous Games

On Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th of June all classes will participate in the Indigenous Games program. Again this year the program will be provided free to all students, the cost covered by our Aboriginal education funding.

Indigenous games have a rich history, with some being recorded by early colonial explorers, settlers, scientists and missionaries. Many indigenous games have been passed down through the generations. Traditional Indigenous games provide the opportunity to appreciate, learn about and experience aspects of the indigenous culture.

The program incorporates the school curriculum with cultural traditions in a series of fun, safe and inclusive games. It provides an insight into the origins of traditional games, teaches basic sport skills using a game sense approach and a highly inclusive and fun environment for all students.
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Thank you.

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